



**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**  
**MINUTES – MAY 13, 2010**  
***Human Resources Training Room***  
***575 Administration Drive, Suite 117C, Santa Rosa CA 95403***

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Karen Famini, Alicia Kae Herries, Jan Kiely (Chair), Donna Roper (Officer at Large), Priscilla Vivio

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Chris Allen, Mary Basham, Christina Brenner (Vice-Chair), Jan DeWald, (all notified)

**JUNIOR COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nadine Jaillet

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

**I. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND GUESTS:**  
Kiely called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

**II. CONSENT ITEMS:**  
Roper motioned to approve the May 13, 2010 Agenda, and the April 8, 2010 Draft Commission Minutes. Famini seconded.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None.

**IV. APPOINTMENTS AND OPENINGS:**  
Kiely administered the Oath of Office to Herries.

**V. SUPERVISOR COMMUNICATION UPDATES:**  
Kiely read DeWald's report that Supervisor Carrillo moderated a River Area community forum in mid April which attempted to explore possible community solutions for the severe economic downturn along the Lower River. This community meeting also explored the perception by some that an increase in



visible homeless individuals on the streets of downtown Guerneville is partially responsible for this economic downturn. A follow-up series of solution oriented working committee meetings was planned, to be composed of merchants, social service providers, and other interested citizens.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

### 2009 Women's History Month Event in Washington DC:

Guest speaker did not attend.

### Work Plan:

No update.

### Sonoma County Women's Health Centers:

No further information has been received.

### Scholarship Update:

Roper gave an update on donations, and thanked Famini and Vivio for their contributions. Four hundred fifty six dollars and thirty two cents is needed to reach the \$10,000 minimum to begin the scholarship. Jaillet will re-email the solicitation letter sent in March. Commissioners were asked to then forward to their contacts.

### Representation Coordinator Event Plans and Budget:

Roper announced the No Name women's group event is tomorrow night starting at 5:30 and encouraged all to attend.

### Possible Move to Alternate County Department:

No further information has been received.

### Proposed State Budget Cuts to Family Violence Protection System:

Roper reported the Governor is proposing cuts to CalWorks and In-Home Support Services.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

### Creation of Email List For Commission Use As Invitation List:

Jaillet will create an email list to be used for distribution of Commission information and requests for information. The list will include Commissioners, past Commissioners, County Supervisors and their Aides, Junior Commissioners, and Commissioners' personal contacts. Commissioners were asked to send their contacts to Jaillet.

### 2011 Women's History Month Event:

Roper motioned to place deposits, not exceeding \$1000.00, on venue and caterer for the 2011 Women's History Month event. Famini seconded.

#### Officer Nominations for 2010/2011:

Kiely read the requirements and duties for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Officer-at-Large.

Roper and Vivio nominated Kiely for Chair.

Roper and Famini nominated Vivio for Vice Chair.

Roper nominated Roper for Officer at Large.

#### Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) Membership:

Jaillet will forward recent correspondence from ACCW to Roper for follow-up.

Further discussion of Commission membership will be at the June meeting.

#### 2009/2010 Budget:

Kiely asked Jaillet to order Brown Act booklets for each Commissioner.

Roper motioned to send flowers at a cost of under \$100.00, and to draft a thank you letter to Jeanne Robinson on behalf of the Commission in appreciation for her volunteer effort with the 2009-2010 Junior Commission Project. Famini seconded.

Famini suggested ordering Parliamentary Procedure pamphlets for the 2010-2011 Junior Commissioner Project, and two DVDs of the "*Long and Fine Tradition*."

### **VIII. ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

#### Junior Commission (Famini):

Famini announced that the 2009-2010 Junior Commissioner Final Report is on the Commission website. Roper will draft a letter of appreciation to Acosta for her work on the final report.

Famini gave an application timeline for the Junior Commissioner Project. Applications should go to high schools and newspapers in June. Application deadline is in September after school starts.

There was discussion on changing the Junior Commissioner meeting day for the 2010-2011 Project.

#### Women's History Month (Basham):

No report.

#### Community Issues Liaison & Coordinators:

##### ◇ **Domestic Violence Liaison (DeWald):**

No report.

##### ◇ **Human Trafficking Liaison (Brenner):**

No report.

##### ◇ **Legislation Coordinator (Vivio):**

No report.

##### ◇ **Representation Coordinator (Roper):**

Reported on previously under Old Business.

## **IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

### Attendance Report:

The attendance report was discussed. Kiely would like to meet with the new County Supervisors after elections to inform them about the Commission, and to encourage the appointment of new Commissioners.

The group discussed keeping hard copies of Commissioner Applications on hand to give out when opportunities are presented.

### Budget Report:

The budget report was discussed previously under New Business.

### Correspondence:

The mailbag was electronically distributed May 12, 2010.

## **X. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:**

- Commission Email List
- Position of Publicity Coordinator
- ACCW Membership Review
- Report on Women's History Month Celebration in Washington DC
- Presentation by Perinatal Mood Disorder Committee
- Scholarship Update
- Report on No Name Women's Group Event
- Second Round of Nominations and Elections

## **XI. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Roper announced there will be a fundraiser at Korbel Winery for River to Coast Children's Services with guest speaker Supervisor Carrillo.
- Herries attended a book signing by Carmina Salcido and met District Attorney Passalacqua while there.

## **XII. NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Kiely adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.